

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2-3, with the following amended paragraph:

On the other hand, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) is a long-chain essential fatty acid contained primarily in fish oil, and this acid is reported to serve as an inhibition in absorption of triglyceride from an intestinal tract, an inhibition in biosynthesis in a liver, a reduction in blood triglyceride by enhancing a plasma lipoprotein lipase activity (Mizuguchi, K. et al.: Eur. J. Pharmacol. 235, 221 to 227, 1993, Mizuguchi, K. et al.: ~~Arteriosclerosis~~ 18 (5) J. Jpn. Atheroscler. Soc. 18 (5), 536, 1990), an inhibition in synthesis of liver cholesterol and a reduction in blood total cholesterol by an acceleration in excretion of cholesterol into bile (Mizuguchi, K. et al.: Eur. J. Pharmacol. 231, 121 to 127, 1993).